

MINUTES
OF THE
FORTY - SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
BURNING SPRING ASSOCIATION
OF
REGULAR BAPTISTS,
HELD AT
SOUTH FORK CHURCH MEETING HOUSE
MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

On the 16th, 17th, and 18th days of August, 1867

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| Elder William Lykins, | West Liberty, Morgan Co., Ky. |
| " Milton Lykins, | " " " " |
| " James Fugett, | " " " " |
| " William Ferguson | " " " " |
| " Hardin H. Williams, | Paintsville, Johnson Co., Ky. |
| " Samuel Hamilton, | " " " " |
| " David J. Carty, Salyersville, Magoffin | " " |
| " David Maggard, Grayson, Carter Co., Ky. | |
| " Samuel Smith, Webbville, Lawrence Co., Ky. | |
| Licentiate Elijah Ratliff | " " " " |
| " Levi H. Sparks, Carter Co., Ky. | |
| " Andrew Lewis, | " " " |
| " Howard Adkins, Morgan Co., Ky. | |
| " Johnson Adams, Magoffin Co., Ky. | |
| " Henry Howard, Magoffin Co., Ky. | |

MINUTES

Elder William Ferguson preached the Introductory Sermon from the 20th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, and 28th verse, after which time letter from the several churches were called for, read and the Delegates, whose names are enrolled in the following table, took their seats, and the State of the Churches was minuted as follows:

| CHURCHES | MESSENGERS' NAMES | Saturday of Church Meetings | Total Number | Died | Excluded | Dismissed | Restored | Rec'd by Letter | Rec'd by Baptism |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--------------|------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1st District. South Fork, Walnut Grove, | Jas. Fugett, Isaac Cottle, J. W. Steele William Lykins, Milton Lykins, Wm. Ferguson, James W. Prater ----- | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 48 | 2nd |
| Grassy Lick, | M. B. McClure, J. W. Claypool, John Ferguson ----- | 18 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 58 | 1st |
| | | 3 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 4th |
| 2nd. District. Licking, - - - Paint, - - - Whiteoak Grov | David J. Carty ----- William Ferguson, H. H. Williams, A. J. Williams, Robert R. Williams Henry Howard ----- | 30 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 83 | 2nd |
| | | 22 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 1st |
| | | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 1st |
| 3rd District. Middle Fork, Rock Spring, Sulphur Spring | Letter but no Delegates ----- David Maggard, R. P. Whitt, Rev. D. Horton, Abraham Smith ----- Samuel Smith, Elijah Ratliff, Wm. Pennington, G. W. Webb ----- | 12 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 50 | 3rd |
| | | 18 | 45 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 98 | 4th |
| | | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 42 | 2nd |
| Total Number | | 120 | 61 | 6 | 15 | 7 | 32 | 553 | |

On motion, the door of the Association was opened for the reception of new Churches. The Sulphur Spring Church made application for admittance by Letter and Delegates; and, on motion were received into the Association, and the Delegates, after giving the right hand of fellowship, were invited and took their seats in the Association, and the state of their Church was minuted as in the foregoing table. The White Oak Grove Church also made application for admittance into the Association, by Letter and Delegate, which, on motion, was received into the Association; and the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, the Delegate was invited and took his seat in the Association, and the state of the Church was minuted as in the foregoing table.

The Association then organized by choosing Elder William Lykins, Moderator, and Richard P. Whitt, Clerk.

On motion, the Association appointed a committee of arrangements, consisting of Elder Milton Lykins, and Brethren Matthew B. McClure and J. W. Steele, with the Moderator and Clerk, to arrange the business of the Association, and make report tomorrow morning.

The Association then adjourned till Saturday morning, 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK

The Association met agreeable to adjournment, and after prayer by Elder William Ferguson, proceeded to business.

1st. The report of the Committee of Arrangements was called for. The Committee made their report and were discharged.

2nd. Brother R. P. Whitt offered the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That we use the word "Regular" instead of "United" in our Association, and that we recommend all the Churches in our Association to use the word "Regular" in all their Church Orders and Letters to the Association, so that our Letters and Orders may read "Regular Baptists" instead of "United Baptists."

The Association unanimously adopted the resolution.

3rd Elder Milton Lykins offered the following resolution towit:

Resolved, That we re-District our Association this year, and that the 1st District shall be composed of the following Churches, to-wit: South Fork, Walnut Grove, and Grassy Lick. 2nd. District shall be composed of Licking, Paint, and White Oak Grove. 3rd. District shall be composed of Middle Fork, Rock Spring, and Sulphur Spring.

The Association adopted the resolution and ordered the Churches so arranged by Districts in the table of Churches as minuted.

4th. On motion our next Association will be held at the Paint Church, in Morgan County, Kentucky, commencing on the Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1868.

5th. On motion, our next Conference meeting will be held at Sulphur Spring Church, in Lawrence County, Kentucky, on the 2nd Saturday in June, 1868, and Elders William Ferguson, H. H. Williams, Samuel Hamilton, and James Fuggett, will be expected to attend the same.

6th. Elder William Lykins was appointed to preach the introductory sermon at our next Association, and in case of failure on his part, Elder David Maggard his alternate.

7th. Elder David Maggard, William Lykins, and William Ferguson, were appointed to preach on tomorrow, it being Sunday.

8th. Brother Richard P. Whitt was appointed to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes of the Association, and requested to have the Constitution of our Association printed and attached to the Minutes of this year for the convenience of the members.

9th. The Association then adjourned until Sunday morning, 10 o'clock, for preaching.

SUNDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK.

The congregation assembled at the stand agreeable to adjournment and Elder William Lykins delivered a discourse from the 2nd Chapter of Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, and 11th verse. And Elder William Ferguson delivered a discourse from the 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians, and 11th verse.—And Elder David Maggard delivered a discourse from the 16th Chapter of Christ's Gospel by St. Mark, 15th and 16th verses. While each one delivered his discourse, the congregation, though large, seemed to give earnest heed to the word preached, and it is hoped that the labors of that day may be as bread cast upon the waters, that the fruit thereof may be seen many days hence.

A comfortable interview was had generally, and the meeting was conducted in good order throughout.

The Association was then dismissed until the Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1868.

Signed by order of the Association.

Attest:
RICHARD P. WHITT, Clerk.

WILLIAM LYKINS, Moderator.

THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE Burning Spring Association of Regular Baptists

From a long series of experience, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, and agree to keep up the rules of our Association according to the following form of government, to-wit:

Article 1st. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory; yet there are not three Gods but one God.

Article 2nd. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the infallible Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3rd. We believe in the fall of Adam, and the imputation of his sin to his posterity; the corruption of his nature, and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or whole.

Article 4th. We believe in election, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Article 5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by and through the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed unto them.

Article 6th. We believe that the Saints will finally persevere in grace, to glory and that not one of them shall be finally lost.

Article 7th. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the happiness of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.

Article 8th. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with each other, and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

Artile 9th. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, and that the government thereof is upon his shoulder.

Article 10th. We believe that true believers are the only subject of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

Article 11th. We believe the Lord's Supper is an ordinance of the Lord's, and is to be continued by the Church till his second coming.

Article 12th. We believe it to be the duty of the Churches thus united, collectively or individually, to remonstrate against any doctrine or opinion of men that do not comport with the principles of this constitution, and if they shall fail so to do it shall be considered a violation of this Constitution.

Article 13th. This Association shall withdraw from any Church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of this Constitution.

Article 14th. No Church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this Constitution.

Article 15th. All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by the will of a majority except the receiving or dimissing of Churches, and corresponding with other Associations, which shall be done by a unanimous voice.

Article 16th. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum.

This done and signed by order of the Association.

Attest:

WILLIAM LYKINS, Moderator.

RICHARD P. WHITT, Clerk.

TO THE CHURCHES

Whereas, The Burning Springs Association have not met since August, 1861, until August, 1867, making an interval of six years; but the cause of our not having met annually as usual, is well known to the Churches and country. But agreeable to a Conference held in September, 1866, Middle Fork Church, in Morgan County, Kentucky, and pursuant to the recommendation of the Conference, the Association met on the 16th day of August, 1867, and reorganized, and proceeded to business without any difficulty, with nine Churches in attendance. The other Churches not representing themselves we leave it to their own sense of justice and right whether they will come into the Association and help in the great work before us, or stand aloof, as to them may seem best.